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SUBJECT: SOMALIA'S WRITTEN ASSURANCES RE BORDERS

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE EXCHANGES OF LETTERS WHICH  
CONSTITUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT  
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(GSDR) AND THE USG CONCERNING CONDITIONS FOR THE FURNISH-  
ING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES TO THE GSDR  
UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM. THESE TEXTS  
CONTAIN THE PLEDGES WHICH WE HAVE SOUGHT FROM THE GSDR TO  
ENSURE THAT ANY MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE MIGHT ENTER  
INTO WOULD REINFORCE REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY. SHOULD  
YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE EXTENT

OF SOMALIA'S UNDERTAKINGS TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, YOU MAY DRAW ON THE TEXTS OF THESE LETTERS IN YOUR REPLY. YOU MAY ALSO SAY THAT WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION TO ENSURE THAT GSDR ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PLEDGES GIVEN. OUR IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ARMS RELATIONSHIP REMAINS UNDER REVIEW. THESE TEXTS WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE CONGRESS ON JUNE 26, 1978. HOWEVER, THEY REMAIN SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS AND SHOULD BE SO HANDLED.

2. TEXT OF LETTER DATED APRIL 29, 1978 FROM PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE TO AMBASSADOR JOHN LOUGHRAN:

QUOTE: WITH REFERENCE TO MY LETTER OF MARCH 23 TO MR. RICHARD M. MOOSE, SPECIAL EMISSARY OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. MOOSE'S LETTER OF MARCH 22, AND YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 19 TO ME, I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU AS FOLLOWS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ASSURES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT SOMALIA WILL REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF FORCE AGAINST ANY COUNTRY; THAT ARMS AND SERVICES GIVEN OR SOLD TO THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE USED AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY. FURTHERMORE, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PERMIT SUCH ARMS AND ARTICLES TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES THAN THE PRESERVATION OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE LEGITIMATE DEFENSE OF THE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED TERRITORY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.  
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THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE TITLE OR POSSESSION OF ANY ARMS OR EQUIPMENT RECEIVED WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN THE SECURITY AND PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME DEGREE OF PROTECTION AFFORDED TO SUCH ARTICLES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES AS THE UNITED STATES ITSELF DOES. UNQUOTE.

3. TEXT OF LETTER DATED APRIL 19, 1978 FROM AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN TO PRESIDENT SIAD:

QUOTE: MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY CONCLUDED BETWEEN YOU AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL EMISSARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, HAVE SUCCEEDED IN LAYING THE BASIS FOR A FUTURE OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT, ON THE BASIS OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO INITIATE THE STEPS REQUIRED UNDER UNITED STATES LAW FOR THE FURNISHING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES TO THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING

THE SEEKING OF THE REQUISITE AUTHORITY OF THE CONGRESS.  
ON MARCH 23, 1978 MR. MOOSE WROTE YOU REQUESTING ASSUR-  
ANCES THAT SOMALIA WOULD UNDERTAKE TO REFRAIN FROM THE USE  
OF FORCE AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY, EXCEPT FOR THE LEGITI-  
MATE DEFENSE OF THE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED TERRITORY  
OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND, FURTHER, WOULD  
ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN MR. MOOSE'S LETTER  
CONCERNING THE USE, TRANSFER, AND SECURITY OF DEFENSE  
ARTICLES AND SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE UNITED STATES.

IN YOUR REPLY, TRANSMITTED TO HIM ON MARCH 23, YOU STATED  
THAT THE POLITBURO OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOMALI

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PRINCIPLE. IN ORDER TO PROCEED AT THIS TIME, MY GOVERN-  
MENT WILL NEED WRITTEN ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ACCEPTS THE SPECIFIC  
CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN MR. MOOSE'S LETTER.

YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS LETTER AND ASSURANCES THAT  
THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WILL OBSERVE THE UNDERTAKINGS AND  
CONDITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE.

4. TEXT OF LETTER DATED MARCH 23, 1978 FROM PRESIDENT  
SIAD TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE.

QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO YOUR LETTER DATED  
MARCH 22, 1978 REGARDING EVENTUAL UNITED STATES MILITARY  
AID TO THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

THE POLIT BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON THE SOMALI  
REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY HAS IN PRINCIPLE ACCEPTED  
THE CONTENT OF YOUR PROPOSAL. I HOPE THAT THE INTENTION  
AND SPIRIT OF SUCH DESIRE BE REALIZED.

I LOOK FORWARD THAT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND A CLOSER  
COOPERATION DEVELOP BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE  
IN THE FUTURE.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL HIGHEST ESTEEM AND REGARDS.  
UNQUOTE.

5. TEXT OF LETTER DATED MARCH 22, 1978 FROM ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY MOOSE TO PRESIDENT SIAD:

QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS  
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BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE FURNISHING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES. -- -

IN ORDER FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH TO SOMALIA SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO ASSURE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT IT WILL REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF FORCE AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND THAT IT WILL NOT

USE UNITED STATES DEFENSE ARTICLES OR SERVICES OR PERMIT THEIR USE, FOR ANY PURPOSES OTHER THAN THE INTERNAL SECURITY OR LEGITIMATE DEFENSE OF THE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED TERRITORY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND ALSO, WITH RESPECT TO ANY DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES SO FURNISHED, THAT IT:

- 1) WILL NOT TRANSFER TITLE TO OR POSSESSION OF THEM WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT;
- 2) WILL MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND WILL PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME DEGREE OF SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED TO SUCH ARTICLES AND SERVICES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO REACH A DECISION IN THIS MATTER, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC THAT IT ACCEPTS THE FOREGOING ASSURANCES AS CONDITIONS FOR THE FURNISHING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM  
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OF THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REQUEST THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY CONFIRM YOUR GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE CONDITIONS. UNQUOTE.  
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